(b) The mandate of the Board during the Seventh Plan period (1985—90) was to undertake wastelands development through a massive programme of afforestation and tree planting with people's participation. The total achievement of the afforestation and tree planting activities under the 20-Point Programme during the Seventh Plan period (1985—90) was 8.8 million hectares against the target of 8.6 million hectares. The target and achievements for 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given below:—

Seedlings in crore
Area in lakh hectares

	Target		Achievement	
	Seedling distribution (For planting on private lands)	Area (Public lands including forest lands)	Seedling distribution (For planting on private lands)	Area (Public lands including forest lands)
1990-91	250.00	5.5	126.93	7.59
1991-92	150.00	10.5	137.86	10.03

(c) No land is earmarked by the National Wastelands Development Board.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Conference on Earth Development at RIO

3830. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of GDP is proposed to be allocated under the 8th Five Year Plan for stablising soil conditions, improving air quality, effective family-planning, improving school enrolment for girls and universalisation of sanitation, in the light of the conventions adopted at the recent UN Conference on Earth development at RIO and the World Bank recommendations in this regard;

(b) what were the guide-lines worked out at the Conference in the matter; and

(c) what were the World Bank's recommendation in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No international Convention was adpoted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held at RIO de Janeiro in June, 1993. However, Conventions on Climate Change and Biological Diversity were opened for signature at this Conference and were signed by several countries. These Conventions do not deal with India's VIII Five Year Plan or lay down any guidelines for allocating any percentage of GDP for different sectors.

(c) Does not arise.

Extinction of ORCHIDS

3831. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150 species of ORCHIDS found in the North-Eastern Region are on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps Government have taken/propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) On the basis of scientific studies